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The Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home, have pleasure in submitting to the friends of the Institution their Twenty-first Annual Report. The experience of another year has afforded abundant evidence of the need of such a Home for the friendless children of the street. One great difficulty with which both the Superintendent and the Managers have to contend, is that of determining the extent to which the requirements of order, regularity, and attendance on the evening work, and training of the Home, can be enforced on the street vagrant when first admitted, without tempting him to prefer a vagrant street life, with all its privations. To this question renewed attention has been given, now that the improvements and extension recently carried out on the building furnish additional facilities for the reception of suitable inmates.

Precarious as the life of the street boy necessarily is, it has the great charm of independence and freedom from restraint. In addition to this he has his strokes of good luck, which have for him somewhat of the zest of the gambler's success. It is not to be wondered that such gains are not infrequently really gambled away. Hence the training in habits of providence, steady industry, and the orderly

restraints of life, constitute the all-important lessons which have to be first arrived at. The Savings Bank, when once fairly taken advantage of by a new boy, is an invaluable incentive to economy and perseverance. But the confirmed vagrant is not easily persuaded to credit the Home Savings Bank as a reliable institution, or to believe that his money can be safely entrusted to the Superintendent. A curious though exceptional illustration of this was furnished during the past year. Joe McDonald, an Indian boy from the Bay of Quinte, was brought to the Home from the Police Court. He was started with papers to sell, and proved an apt news-vendor. But he was careful to get his coppers exchanged for silver, which he secreted somewhere, while he deposited the few surplus cents with the Superintendent. This process he continued till he had accumulated upwards of five dollars. He then reclaimed his small deposit and left, with the remark: "Me plenty money now, me go home!"

The inmates of the Home are of two classes. Of those admitted for the first time many are vagrants, sheltered for a few nights during the most inclement weather, and then disappearing. But from among this class a certain number are reclaimed, and trained in ideas of orderly industry and providence; and of this latter class sixty-three have had situations procured for them during the past year. In this way the selling of papers, along with the work of the shoe-black, and other temporary occupations, serve as the first stage in reclaiming the youthful vagrant, and breaking him in, so as to fit him for some permanent industrial employment.

A brief summary of the work of the past year in our Newsboys' Lodging, will best serve to illustrate the practical results successfully aimed at. The number of boys resident in the Home during the past year has amounted in all to 133, of whom 53 were admitted for the first time. With the exception of the mere transient lodgers, work of some kind has been provided for all; the untrained vagrants being started with their little stock of newspapers, and encouraged in their first efforts at independence. Each inmate of the House is charged

ten cents daily for his board ; but homeless vagrants are not refused admission. When entirely destitute they are furnished with their first stock of newspapers ; and are encouraged in the effort to pay their own way ; with the sense of self-respect which will no longer accept of charity. The Treasurer has to acknowledge some loss of funds from the credit thus extended to untried claimants ; but the results are, on the whole, such as to abundantly encourage the Superintendent and Managers to persevere in this course. When the reclaimed vagrant has reached the stage of paying for his lodging, the next step is to induce him to deposit any surplus earnings in the Savings Bank. When he has fairly entered on this provident course, the most formidable difficulties have been surmounted, and the Superintendent ere long places him on the list of those for whom some permanent employment may be sought.

The Superintendent reports that he has been very successful during the past year in getting boys away to situations in the country ; and in securing for others work on the Lake and River Steamboats. Situations affording regular employment for inmates of the Home have in this and other ways been secured, and the Managers would remind their friends and subscribers that in this way, the actual numbers resident at any time in the Home very partially represent its useful operations. Its most effective results are secured when the friendless street vagrant has been trained into steady habits, and provided with regular employment. In this work or reformation the Managers are under the deepest obligations to the ladies and gentlemen who take charge of the Sunday evening work in the Home, and carry on the instruction and entertainment of the boys, as weekly visitors. To Miss Newland, Miss L. Gear, and Miss Ardagh ; along with Mr. Shaw, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. H. J. Kerr, they have been indebted for the regular and highly successful conducting of the Sunday evening Services throughout the past year. Miss Alexander and other ladies have given no less useful aid in the work of other evenings ; and the Superintendent reports with gratitude the syste-

matic work of education carried on in the Home throughout the winter, by the students of the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, the Superintendent and Matron, continue to merit the thanks of the Managers and friends of the Home by their zealous efficiency in the fulfilment of their responsible duties. In his report to the Managers, the Superintendent says: "I have received visits during the past year from some of the old boys who have left the Home, and who are doing very well. They are all thankful to the Home for their doing so well now. Some of them have said to me that, but for their admission here, and the help they got, they might now be in gaol." He names especially two youths who were regarded by the police as irreclaimable vagrants, both of whom are now in regular employment, and, as he says: "I think will now settle down; they appear both willing to go at steady work." It is peculiarly gratifying at times to receive visits from old boys whose only ideas of home are associated with their reception and training here.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's reports of the operations of the Savings Bank prove that it continues to play a most useful part in the work of this Industrial Home. The first deposit of the reclaimed vagrants, of his surplus earnings is an all-important step in his career. It is an evidence of confidence in the friendly sympathy, as well as trustworthiness of the Superintendent and the Managers; and this is, in itself, a great step. For the street boy is naturally suspicious, distrustful, and disposed to regard the police and the Superintendent as equally in league against him; while his associates have hitherto been such as precluded the idea of entrusting money to any one. Hence spare earnings were squandered or gambled away. The Report of the Savings Bank during the past year is as follows:

Total number of depositors thirty-three.

Largest deposit	$10 00
Smallest deposit	05
Total amount deposited by the boys	242 59

Financially the Managers have to report the experience of a year of straitened means. The extensive alterations rendered imperative by imperfect drainage, plumbing, and other indispensable requirements, compelled the Managers to expend a surplus fund amounting to $1356.77, derived from bequests and other sources, and to borrow on mortgage a further sum of $2500, involving, with the loss of interest on the surplus fund, an increased annual amount of about $200. As will be seen from the Treasurer's Report the entire claims for the year have been met; and he is able to show correctly balanced accounts, but with only the small balance of $18.86, left in hand at the close of the financial year, on the 30th September.

The Managers of the Home earnestly appeal to its friends for a liberal response to enable them not only to carry on the work during the current year, but to relieve them of the debt which at present hampers them in their operations, and tends to discourage those on whom the chief burden devolves. In making this appeal they beg leave to invite the special attention of the friends of the Institution to the important fact set forth in the Treasurer's Report that the money received during the past year from the boys' own daily payments towards the expenses of the Home has amounted to $1148.75.

If to this be added the sums deposited by them in the Savings' Bank, we have here a sum of $1391.34, realized during the year entirely through the influence of home training in this Institution, from the industry and provident habits of boys, most of whom have been rescued from vagrancy, at the most critical period of their lives; when, but for the shelter and guidance thus extended to them they must have lapsed into crime.

The valuable services of the Ladies' Committee have been rendered during the past year in the same efficient way as has called forth in former years the grateful acknowledgments of the Managers. Without their oversight and control of the domestic arrangements and the daily household expenses, it would be impossible to accomplish the

results aimed at. To them accordingly the Board of Management return their most grateful thanks.

The large outlay incurred in improvements on the Building, including drainage, lavatory, baths, and other sanitary requirements, have not been without the satisfactory results aimed at. The Superintendent reports that "the general health of the boys during the past year has been very good. No boy has been confined to his bed for more than a day." The Managers anew return thanks to the Medical Officers, Dr. Oldright and Dr. W. J. Greig, for gratuitous medical services kindly rendered to the boys.

The Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home have again to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the receipt from the Mayor and Corporation of the City of their annual grant of $400. They have also to acknowledge a grant from the Provincial Legislature of $126.74. To the generous friends and subscribers, they return their hearty thanks for needful pecuniary aid in carrying on the work of the Home, and with an equal sense of the value of their personal labour and self-sacrifice, they gratefully acknowledge the valuable aid of the Sunday and week-day visitors, by whom the all-important moral and religious training of the boys is carried on. Every year the Superintendent and Managers have to acknowledge disappointments and failures, inevitable from the class of boys on whose behalf they are labouring. But they have have also had much to encourage them during the past year. They have reason to believe that the blessing of God has rested on the work carried on here on behalf of a class of the community presenting peculiar claims on Christian sympathy. The neglected and friendless street boy, orphaned, or worse than orphaned as the child of dissolute and criminal parents, is on the verge of inevitable ruin. It is an encouragement to persevere in the work of this Home, to feel assured from some of the evidence of its results, that it has been the means of rescuing many during the years it has been in operation, from a life of crime, and training them to habits of industry, self-reliance, and, as they hope and believe, in some cases to a life guarded and animated not only by moral rectitude but by Christian principles.

NEWSBOYS' LODGING AND INDUSTRIAL HOME.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of Current Funds on hand 1st October, 1888	$ 168 94
" Investment Funds " "	8 77
General Subscriptions	964 55
Proceeds of University Glee Club Concert	125 00
Province of Ontario Grant	126 74
City of Toronto Grant	400 00
Interest on Mrs. Pollard's Bequest	8 43
" Investment Funds Deposit	6 44
Received from Boys	1148 75
Received by Mortgage Loans on Premises	2500 00
" Subscriptions for Repairs to Building	225 00
	$5682 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Superintendent's Salary	$ 400 00
Housekeeping Expenses	2400 94
Sundries	20 00
Printing, Advertising, Stationery, &c	43 35
Fire Insurance	9 00
Repairs to Building	2702 43
Expenses on Mortgages	28 12
Interest "	59 92
Balance carried down	18 86
	$5682 62
To Balance brought down	18 86

DAVID HIGGINS,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

J. J. WOODHOUSE, }
R. N. GOOCH, } *Auditors.*

8th November, 1889.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1889.

Ashley, Professor	$ 5 00	De Laporte, A. V	$ 5 00
Ardagh, Mrs	4 00	Dumoulin, Rev. Canon	5 00
Allan, Hon. G. W	5 00	Eby, Blain & Co	5 00
Allan, A. A. & Co	5 00	E. W	1 00
Brown Bros	5 00	Friend, A	1 10
Baker, Professor	10 00	Fulton, A. T	5 00
Brodie, J. L	1 00	Gooch, R. N	12 00
Blake, Hon. S. H	10 00	Gooderham, Mrs. Geo	2 00
Blake, Lash & Cassels	20 00	Gzowski, Colonel	50 00
Blaikie, J. L	5 00	Gooderham, Mrs. H	1 00
Bryant, H. N. W	10 00	Gilmor, Mrs. R	2 00
Bryce, Thos	10 00	Goulding, G. & Son	5 00
Beard, Mrs. J. G	1 00	Gillespie, Ansley & Martin	5 00
Baldwin, Mrs. R	1 00	Green, Mrs	2 00
Beard, Miss	1 00	Hobson, E. J	15 00
Barber & Ellis Co	5 00	Howard, J. G	5 00
Boyd Bros. & Co	5 00	Hay, Jno. D	3 00
Brown, H. T	2 00	H. L	1 00
Beardmore, G. L	5 00	Hagarty, Chief Justice	20 00
Brock, W. R. & Co	5 00	Howland, H. S. & Co	2 00
Campbell, Sir Alex	10 00	Hoskin, Jno., Q.C	10 00
Caven, Rev. Dr	5 00	Hutchison, Henry	3 00
Cawthra, Mrs	25 00	Howland, O. A	5 00
Cox, Mrs. Geo	2 00	Heward, Mrs. Stephen	20 00
Clark, Mrs. Mortimer	1 50	Howland, W. H	5 00
Campbell, A. H. & Co	20 00	Higgins, J. G	2 00
Cook, Wm	1 00	Higgins, David	5 00
Clarke, H. E., M.P.P	10 00	Hamilton, W. B. Son & Co	5 00
Canada Paper Co	2 00	Harvie, Jno	5 00
Caldecott Burton & Co	5 00	Hunter, Rose & Co	5 00
Cooper & Smith	5 00	Irving, A. S	1 00
Carmichael, T	1 00	Jardine, A. & Co	2 00
Canadian Rubber Co	5 00	Johnston, W. B. & Co	5 00
Clark, W. Mortimer	7 00	Kingstone, F. W	5 00
Christie, Wm	10 00	Kerr, W. H. C	5 00
Davis, A. A	5 00	Kerr, Mrs. W. H. C	1 00
Dick, D. B	20 00	King, Mrs	1 00
Davison, Samuel	18 00	Kilgour Bros	10 00
Duggan, Mrs. J	2 00	Kay, Jno., Son & Co	5 00
Duggan, Mrs. Geo	2 00	Lewis, Geo. W	20 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS—*Continued.*

Lewis, Rice & Son	$ 5 00
Lailey, Watson & Co	2 00
Lyman Bros. & Co	2 00
Lang, J. W	2 00
Mulholland, Mrs	1 00
Merrick, Mrs	1 00
M. P. W	8 00
Mowat, Hon. O	10 00
Macdonald, Hon. Jno	50 00
Mackenzie, Walter	5 00
Michie & Co	5 00
McMichael, Dr	5 00
McGee, D	5 00
McKinnon, S. F	5 00
McGaw & Winnett	5 00
McCall, D. & Co	5 00
Morvin House Band of Young Ladies (Miss Haight)	20 00
McIlroy, T	1 00
Nordheimer. Mrs	50 00
Northrop & Lyman Co	5 00
Nerlich & Co	5 00
Proudfoot, Mrs	5 00
Playfair, J. S	10 00
Perkins, Ince Co	5 00
Rowsell, Henry	5 00
Reid, Rev. Dr	$ 1 00
Rodgers, Elias & Co	2 00
St. James' Cathedral Sunday School	60 95
Sweny, Mrs	5 00
Swan Bros	30 00
Smith, Prof. Goldwin	5 00
Stark, Jno	5 00
Smith, Dr. Andrew	15 00
Simpson, W. B. Bridgeman	25 00
Stayner, Sutherland	20 00
Sylvester, Mrs	1 00
Simpson, R	5 00
Smith, G. B. & Partner	2 00
Samson, Kennedy & Co	10 00
Smith & Keighley	5 00
Sloan & Crowther	5 00
T. W	1 00
University Glee Club Concert	125 00
Woodhouse, J. J	2 00
Williams, Mrs	1 00
Wyld, Grasett & Darling	5 00
Warren Bros. & Boomer	5 00
Watson, R. & T	2 00
Wilson, Sir Daniel	10 00